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SUBJECT: NEWSPAPER UNDERLINES INCREASED MOVEMENT OF ONTARIO
DOCTORS TO U.S.

1. IN A PAGE 5 ARTICLE HEADLINED "DOCTORS QUIT ONTARIO."
TORONTO STAR STAFF WRITER MARILYN DUNLOP WROTE JUNE 28
OF THE INCREASE IN ONTARIO PHYSICIANS MOVING TO THE U.S.
BECAUSE OF "DISSATISFACTION WITH WHAT THEY EARN HERE, AND WHAT
THEY CALLED GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE IN THE PRACTICE OF
MEDICINE." SHE QUOTED SEVERAL MEDICAL LEADERS, INCLUDING
DR. EDWARD MORAN, DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL SERVICES OF THE
ONTARIO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION. "IT IS NOT SO MUCH THE NUMBER
GOING THAT IS DISTURBING BUT THE HIGH CALIBER OF THE DOCTORS
WE ARE LOSING," AND DR. DONALD AITKEN, REGISTRAR OF THE
COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF ONTARIO, WHO STATED
THAT IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS THE NUMBER OF ONTARIO DOCTORS
FILLING OUR APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION IN THE
U.S. HAS BEEN ALMOST DOUBLE THE USUAL.

2. MS. DUNLOP NOTED THAT ONTARIO CAN ILL AFFORD TO
LOSE ANESTHESIOLOGISTS, AND GAVE AS AN EXAMPLE
HUMBER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, WHERE 3 ANESTHESIOLOGISTS LEFT AND ONE
OPERATING ROOM HAS BEEN FORCED TO CLOSE. SHE ALSO USED THE EXAMPLE
OF A DR. DONALD FINLAYSON, FORMERLY AN ANESTHETIST AT
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ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL, WHO MOVED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO
TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA. DR. FINLAYSON TOLD MS. DUNLOP
OF HIS CONCERN REGARDING THE DETERIORATION OF THE MEDICAL
SYSTEM IN CANADA AND OF HIS RECEIVING ONE OR TWO CALLS
EVERY WEEK FROM DOCTORS IN ONTARIO ASKING ABOUT THE
PRACTICE OF MEDICINE IN THE U.S. THE ARTICLE STATED "THAT
UNDER NEW U.S. IMMIGRATION LAWS, DOCTORS MUST HAVE A

POSITION TO GO TO IN THE US BEFORE THEY CAN GAIN ADMISSION
TO LIVE THERE. BUT, FINLAYSON SAID, 'A DOCTOR WITH ANY
DISTINCTION, WHO IS GOOD, FINDS IT RELATIVELY EASY TO FIND
A SPOT."
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